

Santa Fe Special Soon To Whistle In

Plans of the Santa Fe for the early completion of their line to the Los Angeles Harbor are rapidly taking definite form. With the deeding of a 300-foot strip between Carson and Washington streets, by the local land company for a Depot, and switching facilities about all of the right of way is secured from El Segundo to the 160-acre Terminal site at the Harbor. Some of the Engineering Corps were in Torrance and vicinity the first of the week, checking up on the right-of-way and grading problems, and it is expected that actual work will begin on construction within 90 days. The fact that it will require a minimum amount of grading, lends color to the prediction that the Santa Fe will be moving thousands of tons of freight in and out of the Harbor via Torrance by the first of the year.

Santa Fe officials made formal application to the Los Angeles City Council last Wednesday for a franchise to begin operations on their terminal site in the Wilmington and San Pedro district. The announcement was made to the council that virtually all the right of way had been secured. The initial improvements will run well into seven figures for the company plans, call for the best and most up to date facilities in the way of wharves, warehouses, switch tracks, shops and offices necessary to the handling of a large volume of business.

There isn't anything to hinder Torrance from passing the 10,000 mark in population, in less than three years. Already, Tractor and Automobile manufacturers have been seen concerning plants at Torrance and several cotton mill men have heard of us and have an ear to the ground. We are a Manufacturing City, we have an enviable location; our transportation is unexcelled and getting better every day and it is an assured fact that we have plenty of fuel under foot. We have every essential that factories want. Just watch our smoke!

CITY OF TORRANCE STANDING COMMITTEE, 1922

Board of Trustees, James M. Fitzhugh, president.

Regular meeting nights, first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Finance Committee—E. H. Nash, chairman; W. H. Gilbert and Joseph Stone. Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to assessing, tax collecting, accounting, auditing, disbursing city funds, city records and printing of ordinances, all arrangements for elections and any matters in reference to the library. Under this department are the city clerk, treasurer, assessor and tax collector.

Ordinance Committee—W. H. Gilbert, chairman; E. H. Nash and Geo. A. Proctor. Has jurisdiction over framing of ordinances and matters pertaining to permits for water, gas, electricity, franchises of all kinds, licenses, building regulations and legal advice. Under this department are the building, plumbing, electrical inspectors and city attorney.

Police, Fire and Lights Committee—Joseph Stone, chairman; W. H. Gilbert and Geo. A. Proctor. Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to police and fire departments, court trials, street lights, stray animals and public health. Under this department are marshal, fire chief, deputies, recorder and health officer.

Street, Sewer and Parks Committee—Geo. A. Proctor, E. H. Nash and Joseph Stone. Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to streets, sewers, parks, repair construction, tools, machinery, public buildings or meeting places, city lands and public recreation. Under this department are city engineer, superintendent of streets and his assistants.

DO YOU REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN—

Before the days of electric lights, gas, telephones and other present-day conveniences, you chopped wood and carried it into the house to be used for fuel for heating and cooking?

You filled the coal oil lamps, carefully trimmed the wick and curled tapers of paper to be used in lighting the lamp?

When your mother warned you to be careful lest the coal oil lamp tip over, explode and set fire to the house?

When you lighted a candle and carried it upstairs to go to bed by, accompanied by warnings not to let the candle grease drop on your clothes or on the carpets, or the flame catch the window curtains or bed clothes?

When you carried in coal to cook with and carried out ashes to fill ruts in the alley or street?

When your grandmother had her own candle mould and made candles for the household?

Only a few families took ice and it was kept in a tub, wrapped in a piece of blanket or in a home-made ice box?

How glad you were when your lighting was done by electricity and your cooking by gas?

Torrance Herald



NINTH YEAR

FRIDAY MORNING MAY 12, 1922

NO. 19

Torrance Nears Oil Boom

Believed Black Gold Soon Will Flow

Important developments are scheduled for the oil fields in the city limits of Torrance within the next few days, as Chansler-Canfield has two wells that are making fine showings this week. Cementing off has been started in two wells and operations in surrounding fields are showing oil in quantities.

The Standard Oil Well No. 1 on the Torrance Holding Co.'s 30 acres, 2600 feet, have good indications and have spent the week in cementing at the above levels. They expect, however, to open up a fine flow of oil at 2800 to 3000 feet.

Torrance Oil Well No. 1 of the Santa Fe lease in western city limits struck what the operators say is very rich oil sand, the first of the week. Cementing in is about finished and drilling will be resumed in a few days. Experts who have examined this sand predict a flow of oil that will put Torrance on the map as an oil producer. The finding of oil in this vicinity will be a clinching argument for several large manufacturing plants that have Torrance in view. Cheap fuel and good transportation facilities are the big pulling magnets on manufacturers.

This well is down 3200 feet and the gas pressure and previous flow-ing of oil indicates that a producing well may be the outcome in a very few days.

The Dominguez Well No. 1, shows a depth of 3570 feet and they, too, are cementing off, having passed through an oil sand with indications of a fine gravity of oil.

The Union Well, farther to the west of Torrance City limits, broke all local records Tuesday when oil spouted over the top of the derrick and the crew was forced to bring the well in. It is said, however, that if possible they will do everything to continue drilling until they reach a depth of 4000 feet as they believe a better grade of oil will be reached than at the present depth, 3750 feet. The General Petroleum Well is experiencing a similar difficulty as the Union, but have brought the well in and reports 100 barrels per day.

Mrs. G. McKenzie Funeral Monday

The funeral of Mrs. George W. McKenzie took place Tuesday afternoon from the Central Evangelical Church. The Rev. Francis Zeller officiated, and amid a wealth of beautiful flowers testifying to the esteem in which she was held by her friends and neighbors, was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. McKenzie was born in Killeel, Co. Down, Ireland, in 1872. When a young girl she came to Boston, where she met Mr. McKenzie, whom she married in 1900. After living in Boston over a year they moved to Sydney, N. S., Canada, where she lived until 1920, when Mr. McKenzie contracted rheumatism, and came to California in November, 1920. Mrs. McKenzie and family following in April.

Besides her husband and son, Roy, and three daughters, Grace, Ruth and Olive, she leaves a mother and two brothers, Hugh and Alec. McKenzie, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Annett and Mrs. Margaret Keys, all living in Ireland. Mrs. McKenzie was taken sick on Tuesday and died Sunday night at 11:20. Death was from crystallias.

Mr. G. W. McKenzie and family wish to thank their many friends who by words of sympathy and acts of kindness helped to alleviate the sorrow caused by the loss of one who was such a devoted wife and loving mother.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cufley of Santa Monica have recently taken up their permanent residence in Torrance and are located at Spurline Court. Mr. Cufley has accepted an appointment with the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company.

They express themselves as charmed with the city and surroundings and hope to make many friends here.

Rev. Stanley H. Thorpe and Mrs. Thorpe entertained Rev. J. A. V. Pieters, Mrs. Pieters and son Tuesday at the parsonage. Mr. Pieters is pastor of the Behany Baptist Church, Long Beach.

Ford Plant May Come Here To Operate

STATE TO SPEND HALF MILLION ON PAVEMENT OF WESTERN AVENUE

Mr. F. L. Sellow of the Palo Verde engineering staff has received word from the State Highway Commission that a half million dollars will be expended this summer on the state highway between Point Firmin and Redondo. Above building program calls for the paving of Western Avenue from a point on the southern limits of Palo Verde across the hills to the northern boundary which will terminate in the vicinity of Lomita.

MALONE BROS BUY TORRANCE PHARMACY

Control of the Torrance Pharmacy, heretofore a corporation with "Dick" Malone as manager and one of the principal stockholders, passed to the Malone Brothers Wednesday, when H. H. Dolley and W. C. Dolley sold their holdings to A. W. and Everett Malone. While it was not generally known that the Dolleys were interested in the

Torrance Pharmacy, they were the prime movers in the venture nearly two years ago, when they with Sam Rappaport and Dick Malone formed a corporation and opened the store. Mr. Malone was placed in charge and under his careful management the store was successful from the very first day.

Several months after the opening Mr. Rappaport sold his stock to Everett Malone, who has been active in the business since, and when the opportunity presented itself the Malone Brothers decided to take up all the stock and formally ask that the commission dissolve the corporation and conduct the business hereafter as a partner. The Herald joins the many friends of the new firm in wishing them success in their new control.

ing of this particular piece of road is of vital interest to Torrance for it means that the Supervisors will find it imperative to pave the missing link between Moneta and Torrance. This is an opportune time for our chamber of commerce to see the Palo Verde people and start a co-operative campaign for the early construction of this all important highway.

P. T. A. Holds Meeting

Torrance P. T. A. met in the study room May 10. After reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report the committee appointed to consult with the manager of the student body reported that they wish the boys to take care of their own indebtedness, but would like the help and support of the P. T. A. at an exhibition to be held June 2. This will be an exhibition of the children's school work. There will be folk dancing by the little folks. The orchestra will give a concert, and it is expected to have a ball game. The P. T. A. is asked to have a booth of useful articles, and also to take charge of the cooked food sale. Reports were read from the delegates who attended the district convention on May 4. Torrance was given very high praise for the work done in the last bond election, and the work the women did toward the success of the election was spoken of very highly. A meeting of the newly appointed board on resolutions will meet with the executive board on Monday, May 15, at 2:30 o'clock, at 1731 Andreo avenue.

Trustees Meeting

The regular meeting of the City Trustees was held last Tuesday night in the City Hall. Several matters were discussed, among them being the closing of the road in front of the Torrance School for the protection of the school children. It may be necessary for drastic action on the part of the trustees to stop the nuisance of speeding motorists at this turn. Health Officer Dr. Lancaster recommended that strict attention be given stray dogs in the city without licenses. The condition of rabies throughout the county is expected to become a nuisance this summer, and in some sections the supervisors have recommended stringent measures to combat this menace. A proposed ordinance prohibiting drilling for oil in the industrial, residence and business districts of the City of Torrance was read and will be considered further at subsequent meetings.

Mr. Harold Koke of Los Angeles spent the week with G. A. Riegler, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

Torrance First Annual Bicycle Races Saturday

Here's just what the boys and girls of this city have been waiting for—bicycle races in which they may take part and win prizes. While entrants from Lomita and vicinity are cordially invited to join in the events there will be much enthusiasm shown by many boys and girls in Torrance.

Starting promptly at 2:00 p. m., all entrants for the slow race—50 yards, must be ready for the start. Chas. Fuller Gates of national reputation as a bicycle racer, will officiate. Other races are half-mile scramble; half-mile, boys of 12 and under; half-mile, free for all.

The races will be held on Cravens Avenue and has been ordered closed by the city trustees, during the time set for the races.

A wonderful list of prizes have been set aside as follows: Gold watch from Morrow Coaster Brake Co., also Gold Chain and Knife; Pair Tires, Chain, Pair Pedals and Bicycle Handle Grips from Appeal Mfg. & Jobbing Co., Los Angeles; Boy Scout Pocket Knife, Pair Pliers and many other prizes from "Hardware" Reeve.

All races will be conducted under the rules of the National Cycle Association. The judges are J. M. Fitzhugh, E. H. Nash, and Geo. A. Proctor.

Everything is free—no charge to enter and those desiring to compete should see "Hardware" Reeve before Saturday and secure entry blank before races start.

The move is a national one, and at Coronado Beach the bicycle has come back so strong that a saucer track has been built and races are held with as much popularity and enthusiasm as in years gone by. The move had as its prime motive to recuperate the languid and to preserve the vitality of the more robust by "biking" around the country.

Noted Speaker Coming

Bishop L. H. Seager, former president of the Northwestern College, will deliver an interesting address in Central Church next Monday night, May 15. You are invited. Admission free.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Torrance Masonic Building Association (Inc.) will be held May 22, 1922, in Masonic Hall, Lomita, Cal., at 8:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing a new board of directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

R. R. SMITH, President. PAUL DYNES, Secretary.

Big Auto Builder Likes Torrance

It is learned on good authority that Henry Ford is being approached at this time concerning the erection of a plant in this city, the practical assurance that the Muscle Shoals project will be operated by the government. Puts Mr. Ford in the position of a listener for new opportunities. The ideal location of Torrance, climatic conditions, tremendous business possibilities, cheap fuel and unlimited quantities of ore to be had both from the inter-mountain country and the west coast of Mexico, together with the enormous business in prospect when the Boulder Canyon Dam begins to water a million acres of fertile desert land, all these are being put before Mr. Ford in a comprehensive manner.

It is entirely within the range of possibilities that he can be interested. Men of his caliber are needed in this part of the world and Torrance is the right place to operate.

U. T. Vs. Pacific Sash And Door Company

Last Saturday the U. T. boys clashed for the third time this season on the diamond. Both teams had won one game apiece and the locals grabbed the odd game with a score of 5 to 5.

The U. T. boys failed to warm up sufficiently or something, as they presented the visitors with two runs in the first inning with errors and wild throws. Again in the second they presented them with another run by an overthrow on third. After this the boys settled down and began to play ball. They also began to pound the apple, and soon were even up. Everything seemed lost when the visitors broke the tie in the eighth inning. This made the score 5 to 4 in favor of the visitors. Our boys were unable to score in the eighth, but in the last of the ninth they showed what they could do in a pinch.

Scholes worked Kolby for a walk. Springman layed one down the third base line. Gabriel at third for the visitors heaved the ball in the general direction of the sky, which placed Scholes on third and Springman on second. Riggs then placed a nice bunt and was out at first, while Scholes crossed the rubber with the winning run. Springman took third. Atwood took three healthy swings at the ball, but failed to connect. Newby following, however, was equal to the occasion and placed a clean single into short center, shoving Springman over with the winning run.

This makes the boys tie with four teams for second place. Next week the boys play the Bayer Rothget team, and it promises to be even better than those in the past. Come out and see our champs show them how.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|
| Calpaco Paint | 4 | 0 | 1000 |
| Union Tool | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Standard Oil | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Scully Bros. | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Bayer Rothget | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| American Door | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Pacific Electric | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Pacific Sash and Door | 0 | 4 | 0 |

EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL AT H. & S. ELECTRIC STORE

Those interested in radio electrical things will welcome the advent of Wm. Sykes and Victor Hanson into the electrical business. These two enterprising young men are well known in this district and have purchased the Lyon's Electric Store, and are now very busy with their contracting work.

In addition to all kinds of wiring jobs, they are stocking their store with the latest in electric goods and radio and other appliances. They will specialize in battery and radio equipment and promise service that serves at moderate prices. Their advertisement announcing their policy appears on page three of this issue.

Secure Velie Agency

After spending several weeks investigating automobiles that would give satisfactory service at a reasonable price, Rahm, Getman & Rahm, with offices in Torrance, Lomita and Redondo Beach, decided that the "Velie" offered the best value for a six-cylinder car on the market. They hastened to sign contracts for the above territory, and yesterday received their first allotment of this new standard six automobile. They are showing the car today to a host of prospective customers. They will continue to sell the Overland and Willys-Knight, having delivered a new car of the latter model to Dr. N. A. Leake this week.